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SUBJ: TURKISH OPIUM: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

1. AS PREFACE TO MY LENGTHY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER TODAY CONCERNING CYPRUS SITUATION, I EMPHASIZED GRAVE THREAT WHICH TURKISH POPPY BAN DECISION CONTINUED TO POSE TO FUTURE U.S.-TURKISH SECURITY ASSISTANCE COOPERATION.

2. I SAID IMMEDIACY OF CYPRUS CRISIS, HOWEVER, NECESSITATED POSTPONEMENT OF MY REPORTING TO HIM REGARDING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER.

3. IN VIEW OF PROBLEM'S SERIOUSNESS, I ASKED THAT HE NOT TAKE OR ANNOUNCE ANY FURTHER DECISIONS REGARDING NUMBERS OF ACRES TO BE CULTIVATED OR NUMBERS OF PERSONS ALLOWED TO CULTIVATE UNTIL WE TALK FURTHER.

4. PRIME MINISTER GAVE ME LATTER ASSURANCES. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED OFF PLAN TO SEND PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO
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WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS POPPY SITUATION WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

HE HAD DONE THIS FOR TWO REASON: FIRST, BECAUSE OF THE
DEPTH OF AMERICAN FEELING ON THIS ISSUE HE WAS NOT SURE THAT THIS
WAS THE BEST TIME FOR ARRIVAL OF DELEGATION; AND SECOND, HE
FOUND HE COULD NOT CONTROL DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP AND HE WAS
CONCERNED THAT SOME OF THE MEMBERS ON DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE
EFFECTIVE OR USEFUL ENVOYS.
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